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The statistics in this publication are based on a survey of manufacturers consuming fibers in woolen spinning and producing tops and noils. Estimates are included for companies whose reports were not received in time for tabulation.

The production data shown in this report are adjusted for the number of working days in the report period to compensate for differences in individual company reporting patterns, i.e., calendar month, 4-week, 5 week periods. The data are adjusted to reflect the time period shown in table 5.

A description of the survey methodology and related information may be found in the January 1986 report, M22D(86)-1, issued March 1986.

Table 1. WEEKLY AVERAGES OF SELECTED FIBERS CONSUMED ON THE WOOLEN SYSTEM AND WORSTED COMBING: 1984 TO 1986

(Thousands of pounds)

Month and year	Total fibers consumed[1]	Raw wool[2 3]			Noils, reprocessed and reused wool	Other fibers
		Apparel		Carpet		
		Woolen	Worsted			
1986						
June (4 weeks)	12,405	1,555	1,291	154	619	8,787
May (4 weeks)	12,012	1,529	1,172	231	623	8,458
April (5 weeks)	12,413	1,533	1,166	186	692	8,837
March (4 weeks)	11,285	1,635	1,097	196	597	7,760
February (4 weeks)	12,123	1,638	1,144	200	637	8,505
January (5 weeks)	11,009	1,583	942	217	523	7,744
1985[r]						
December (5 weeks)	8,995	1,031	743	137	459	6,625
November (4 weeks)	11,634	1,119	1,093	164	466	8,794
October (4 weeks)	11,779	983	1,163	199	510	8,925
September (5 weeks)	11,145	1,022	1,062	224	482	8,355
August (4 weeks)	11,636	992	1,042	269	474	8,860
July (4 weeks)	8,426	832	786	173	375	6,261
June (5 weeks)	11,856	1,026	1,068	159	451	9,152
May (4 weeks)	11,969	1,255	992	241	537	8,944
April (4 weeks)	11,296	1,089	1,018	194	496	8,500
March (5 weeks)	10,710	1,082	842	220	493	8,074
February (4 weeks)	11,223	1,231	802	227	547	8,416
January (4 weeks)	11,146	1,235	1,039	249	532	8,091
1984						
December (5 weeks)	9,459	1,071	805	160	543	8,601
November (4 weeks)	10,983	1,340	881	225	625	7,911
October (4 weeks)	11,890	1,032	1,096	323	714	8,724
September (5 weeks)	13,070	1,100	1,144	194	767	9,866
August (4 weeks)	12,915	1,120	1,357	228	832	9,378
July (4 weeks)	10,648	933	1,117	210	628	7,759
June (5 weeks)	12,712	1,191	1,415	263	810	9,034

[r] Revised by 5 percent or more from previously published figures.

[1] Includes top converted from manmade fiber tow without combing.
[2] Data are shown on a scoured basis for greasy wool.
[3] Shorn pulled wool of the sheep. Does not include raw wool consumed in cotton system spinning, which in June and May were withheld to avoid disclosing figures for individual companies.

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Table 2. SUMMARY: FIBERS CONSUMED IN WOOLEN SYSTEM SPINNING AND WORSTED COMBING

(Thousands of pounds)

Product description	June 1986 (4 weeks)	May 1986 (4 weeks)	June 1985 (5 weeks)
All fibers[1]	49,619	49,048	59,281
Raw wool[2] [3]	11,995	11,727	11,266
Apparel class	11,381	10,803	10,469
Woolen system	6,218	6,116	5,130
Worsted system	5,163	4,687	5,339
Carpet class[4]	614	924	797
Noils, reprocessed and reused wool, and other animal fibers[5]	2,475	2,491	2,255
Other fibers[1]	35,149	33,830	45,760
Nylon	20,386	19,391	27,397
Polyester	7,115	7,364	9,651
Acrylic and modacrylic	7,170	6,566	8,286
Other fibers[6]	478	509	426

[1]Includes top converted from manmade fiber tow without combing.
[2]Data are shown on a scoured basis for greasy wool.
[3]Shorn and pulled wool of the sheep. Does not include raw wool consumed in cotton system spinning, which in June and May were withheld to avoid disclosing figures for individual companies.
[4]Data for carpet and rug yarns, tops, noils, and reprocessed wool except shorn and pulled are included with carpet class raw wool to avoid disclosing figures for individual companies. These data represent less than one-half of 1 percent of carpet class raw wool.
[5]Includes mohair, alpaca, vicuna, and other specialty fibers as well as tops and noils consumed in woolen spinning and mohair consumed in worsted combing. Does not include wool tops and raw wool consumed in cotton system spinning, which in June amounted to 279 thousand pounds (4 week total) and in May amounted to 345 thousand pounds (4 week total).
[6]Includes cotton, jute, and other vegetable fibers. Animal fibers other than raw wool and mohair consumed in worsted combing are also included in this item.

Table 3. FIBERS CONSUMED IN WOOLEN SYSTEM SPINNING

(Thousands of pounds)

Product code	Product description	June 1986 (4 weeks)	May 1986 (4 weeks)	June 1985 (5 weeks)
	Fibers consumed in woolen spinning[1]	39,472	39,255	49,609
	For yarns, except carpet and rugs	17,018	16,917	18,305
	Shorn and pulled wool of the sheep (domestic and foreign)	[a]6,218	6,116	5,130
00214 61	60S and finer	[a]3,577	3,174	2,429
00214 62	Coarser than 60S	[a]2,641	2,942	2,701
	Other wool	2,028	2,027	1,709
02299 38	Sheep (tops, noils, etc.)	1,721	1,760	1,507
00214 71	Other (mohair, alpaca, vicuna, etc.)	307	267	202
02294 07	Reprocessed wool and reused wool	(S)	(S)	546
	Other fibers	8,325	8,310	10,920
02824 14	Nylon	1,362	1,497	1,851
02824 29	Polyester	2,913	2,713	3,425
02824 25	Acrylic and modacrylic	3,739	3,771	5,290
00100 16	All other fibers including rayon and acetate	311	329	354
	For carpet and rug yarns	22,454	22,338	31,304
00214 51	Shorn and pulled wool of the sheep (foreign)	614	924	797
02299 36	Tops, noils, mohair, reused and reprocessed wool, and other wool, except shorn or pulled			
	Other fibers	[a]21,840	[a]21,414	30,507
02824 13	Nylon	[a]19,024	[a]17,894	25,546
02824 25	Polyester	(D)	(D)	4,759
02824 24	Acrylic and modacrylic	(D)	(D)	202
00100 14	All other fibers including rayon and acetate	-	-	-

Note: The percent of estimation of each item is indicated as follows (see "Description of Survey" in the text of the January 1986 report, M22D(86)-1, issued March 1986, for a discussion of estimation of missing reports): [a]25 to 49 percent of this item is estimated.

- Represents zero. (D) Data withheld to avoid disclosing figures for individual companies. (S) Suppressed. Data did not meet publication standards of the Bureau of the Census.

[1]Data are shown on a scoured basis for greasy wools.

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Table 4. TOPS AND NOILS COMBED AND TOW CONVERTED TO TOP WITHOUT COMBING

(Thousands of pounds)

Product code	Product description	June 1986 (4 weeks)	May 1986 (4 weeks)	June 1985 (5 weeks)
	Tops and noils combed	5,330	4,868	5,374
	Top production	4,948	4,548	4,976
	Wool of the sheep (domestic and foreign)	(D)	(D)	(D)
22993 21	60S and finer	2,987	2,830	2,898
22993 24	Coarser than 60S	(D)	(D)	(D)
22993 38	All other fibers, including mohair	(D)	(D)	(D)
	Noil production	382	320	398
	Wool of the sheep (domestic and foreign)	(D)	(D)	(D)
22993 51	60S and finer	259	219	303
22993 54	Coarser than 60S	(D)	(D)	(D)
22993 67	All other fibers, including mohair	(D)	(D)	(D)
	Manmade tow converted to top in woolen and worsted mills without combing	4,817	3,926	4,298
22993 75	Polyester	(D)	(D)	1,472
22993 73	Acrylic fibers	(D)	(D)	2,826
22993 76	Manmade fibers, except polyester or acrylic	-	-	-

- Represents zero. (D) Data withheld to avoid disclosing figures for individual companies.

Table 5. REPORTING CALENDAR: 1986

Month	Number of weeks	Period covered
January	5	December 29 to February 1
February	4	February 2 to March 1
March	4	March 2 to March 29
April	5	March 30 to May 3
May	4	May 4 to May 31
June	4	June 1 to June 28
July	5	June 29 to August 2
August	4	August 3 to August 30
September	4	August 31 to September 27
October	5	September 28 to November 1
November	4	November 2 to November 28
December	5	November 30 to January 3, 1987

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